

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN RE:

Application of Nexus Communications, Inc.  
for Certificate as an Eligible Telecommunications  
Carrier

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

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Re: Nexus Communications, Inc.  
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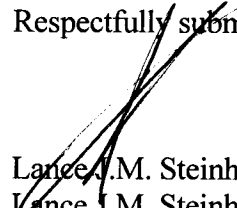
Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed please find for filing in the above referenced docket Nexus Communications, Inc.'s ETC Annual Report.

**Please note that Exhibit A of the Annual Report is confidential and proprietary.** Enclosed you will find a public version of the complete Annual Report, along with a confidential version of Exhibit A in a separate, sealed envelope marked "Confidential."

I have enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date-stamped and returned to me in the self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope I have provided. If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Enclosures

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**DOCKET NO. 2008-275-C**

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**ETC ANNUAL REPORT**

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Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-690.1, Nexus Communications, Inc. ("Nexus" or "the Company"), by undersigned counsel, hereby submits to the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") Annual Report. Nexus submits the following in compliance with 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-690.1:

**I. Commitment to Meet Service Quality Standards (103-690.1(B)(a))**

Nexus commits that it meets the service quality standards outlined in 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-633.

**II. Lifeline Reporting**

**103-690.1(b)(3) - Requests for service that were unfulfilled**

See attached CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT A.

**103-690.1(b)(4) - Number of complaints per 1,000 handsets**

See attached CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT A.

**103-690.1(b)(5) - Certification of compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules**

Nexus certifies compliance with all applicable Commission service quality and consumer protection requirements and standards and supports 911 services as applicable, and will continue to strive for excellence in all areas of customer service.

**103-690.1(b)(6) - Certification of ability to function in emergency situations**

Nexus certifies that it continues to maintain the ability to remain functional in emergency situations. Nexus provides the services designated for support using a combination of its own facilities and facilities and services of its underlying carrier, AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T"). As such, Nexus has access to the extensive, robust network of AT&T and, per regulation 103.690.1.B(b)(11), understands that AT&T continues to have the ability to manage traffic spikes that may occur during emergency situations and the capability to reroute traffic in the event of damaged facilities. In addition, it is Nexus' understanding that AT&T has sufficient backup power to ensure functionality without an external power source.

**103-690.1(b)(7) - Certification regarding provision of comparable local usage plan**

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") amended 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 to no longer require an ETC to demonstrate that it offers a local usage plan comparable to that offered by the incumbent LEC ("ILEC") in the relevant service areas. Instead, 47 C.F.R. § 54.422 (a)(2) requires ETCs that receive only low-income support to provide "information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers..." Nexus provided such information on its Form 481, a copy of which was previously filed with the Commission.

**103-690.1(b)(8) - Certification regarding equal access**

The requirement to provide equal access to long-distance carriers in the event that no other ETC is providing equal access within its designated service area has been eliminated from federal rules governing ETC designation. As such, Nexus believes this requirement to no longer be applicable.

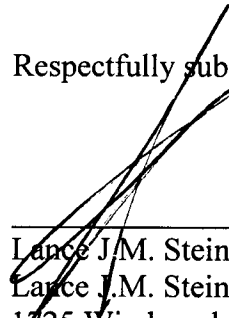
**103-690.1(b)(9) - Number of Lifeline customers**

See attached CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT A for the number of Lifeline customers as of December 31 of the prior year.

**103-690.1(b)(10) - Copies of responses to the Lifeline Verification Survey or Certification filed with USAC**

Nexus has previously filed with the Commission on a confidential basis a copy of the Company's Annual Lifeline Certification (Form 555) and FCC Annual Report (Form 481) filed with USAC.

Respectfully submitted,



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